SUBJECT NO. 231.

Decimation of the malnad population.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk and M. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Assembly may be informed as to what action has been taken in the matter of the gradual decimation of the malnad population and what measures have been adopted to check its progress. Concessions may be granted to persons applying for lands for wet cultivation so as to induce them to settle down in the malnad.

Reply of Government.—The subject is engaging attention. The investigation conducted so far goes to show that malaria and negligence of women in child-birth have contributed largely to the decimation.

SUBJECT NO. 232.

A building committee.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—A building committee may be brought into existence, and it may be encouraged to build commodious sanitary houses, and rent them out, so that the principal and interest at 5 per cent could be recovered in 120 monthly instalments and the houses become the property of those who pay all the instalments regularly.

Reply of Government.—A building co-operative society may be started and Government aid applied for, if necessary.

EDUCATION.

(NOS. 233 TO 289.)

SUBJECT NO. 233.

I. Compulsory education.

II. Elementary education (compulsory and free).

I. (*a*) Messrs. Bapu Rao, Girmaji Rao, and Gopal Naik, Kolar Municipality and Shankaranarayana Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

(*b*) Mr. D. Venkataramaiya, Bangalore City Municipality.

II. (*a*) & (*b*) Messrs. Bapu Rao, Girmaji Rao and Gopal Naik, Kolar Municipality, and Mahalinganna, Hassan Taluk.

(*c*) Mr. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

(*d*) Mr. Sidde Gowda, Mudgere Taluk.

(*e*) Mr. Y. Naraniah, Chikballapur Municipality.

(*f*) Mr. K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

I. (*a*) *Summary of discussion.*—Compulsory education may be introduced into the State.

(*b*) Education may be made compulsory in all large towns as a beginning. The schools will have to be increased.

II. (*a*) Elementary education may be made compulsory among boys of all classes of people.

(*b*) Compulsory free primary education may be introduced into the district headquarter towns and to a few backward taluks as an experimental measure, and if found beneficial may be extended later on.

(*c*) Elementary education (free and compulsory) may be introduced into the State. In the first instance, a trial may be made in the vicinities of Bangalore and Mysore, where the rural population is expected to be intelligent and in other suitable localities. No progress can be effected in the improvement of agriculture, industry and commerce on modern lines unless the people have at least received elementary general education.